

**Virginia Department of Health
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report
December 3, 2007**

WORLDWIDE UPDATE

- The World Health Organization reports a cumulative total of 335 human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1), including 206 deaths (61.5%). The two cases added in November were both from Indonesia, and both were fatal. There remains no evidence of increased human-to-human transmission. During November, both the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia reported outbreaks of H5N1 in birds.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office

- The next PanFlu Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2007, from 9a.m. until 1p.m. at the Holiday Inn Koger Center South in Richmond (1021 Koger Center Boulevard). Registration is available at <https://vatrain.org> or <http://vdh.virginia.gov/EPR/Training>.
- This is the final report on PanFlu activities for 2007. The next report will be published on Monday, February 4, 2008, for the month of January.
- A ten-member multi agency and private sector team represented Virginia at the National Governors' Association Region III Pandemic Influenza TTX in the National Capital Region.
- VDH will introduce a new "Promising Practices" element to its Pandemic Influenza web site: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/PandemicFlu/>. The intent is to publish / share anecdotal reports of local, successful PanFlu response efforts. Once the site is up and running, posting instructions will be published.
- The Office of EMS partnered with the Norfolk Health Department to provide free flu shots to those attending the 2007 Virginia EMS Symposium. The shots were part of an EP&R exercise that allowed staff to administer the vaccine to a large number of people. Over 300 EMS providers who were in attendance received flu vaccines.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports

- **Central Region**
 - The multi-agency Avian Influenza Rapid Response Seminar was held as one of three multi-agency rapid response avian influenza programs targeted at significant poultry producing regions of the state and included all partner agencies potentially involved. The seminar focused on identifying the potential for human health problems associated with cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry; minimizing the risk of spread of further human infection if human infection of the disease is identified; providing guidance to individuals who are involved in response activities to protect them against the risk of infection, minimizing the risk of viral re-assortment; and providing guidance to multi-disciplinary rapid response teams. The Northwest Regional EP&R Industrial Hygienist was a key speaker. The target audience included: health care workers, infection control practitioners, laboratory personnel, epidemiologists, commercial poultry personnel, veterinarians, extension agents, emergency management personnel, environmental quality personnel, and game and wildlife personnel. The program was presented by the Virginia Department

of Health, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries; Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality; and the United States Department of Agriculture.

- **Eastern Region**

- In preparation for the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) PanFlu Simulation Exercise 2008, Regional Surveillance Coordinator attended presentation and discussion on Lessons Learned in Developing Scalable Agent-Based Epidemiological Simulations, hosted by the Eastern Virginia Medical School/ODU Graduate Program in Public Health.
- Regional Surveillance Coordinator participated on the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS) conference call regarding Electronic Death Registration Systems and Mortality Surveillance for PanFlu.
- Regional PIO participated in the Norfolk Health Department's PanFlu Exercise.

- **Northern Region**

- City of Alexandria held a Mayor's review of PanFlu planning. Alexandria Health Department presented the most recent version of city's PanFlu plan. All key city departments and agencies reported status of preparedness. Mayor expressed interest and desire for local agency participation in innovative hospital program to manage stored caches of medications to reduce losses through expiration.
- Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance is soliciting \$50,000 in a one-time grant to establish an innovative project to reduce losses of medication due to expiration. This grant would permit local health departments, MMRS and first responder agencies to participate in this program, which would include caches of antivirals.

- **Southwest Region**

- Regional Planner, Trainer and PIO participated in several local Mass Vaccination Exercises as observers, workers, media management and support.
- Trainer attended a HAN Train-the-Trainer session this month. This alerting network will aid in communications in the event of a Pandemic outbreak.
- Trainer and Planner completed last-minute planning details for the upcoming NIMS 400 and the Train-the-Trainer course to be held in the Region Dec. 4-6. This training will help prepare the local health districts to prepare for emergencies including PanFlu.
- PIO participated in joint OCME and PIO Training in Richmond. This training will be beneficial in the event of an outbreak of Avian Influenza.

VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports

- **Alexandria**

- Mayor's Pandemic Influenza Working Group approved second interim report/plan for distribution and forwarded to City Council.
- Tested ability to send telephone alert to all staff providing emergency updates, if necessary, during a pandemic.
- Conducted drill to test mass vaccination of special medical needs populations.
- Met with school system to continue work on schools' pandemic plans.
- Conducted pandemic-related training with child care workers from City Office of Early Childhood Development.
- Began planning with City Emergency Management for a fatality management drill in February 2008.

- **Arlington**
 - Brochure follow-up: copies now available in Braille (Spanish and English versions), as well as CDs to all libraries; Marymount U. to distribute brochure to students, staff and faculty; copies to clinics, urgent care providers and pharmacies.
 - Hand sanitizer stations at 25 key county locations.
 - Movie and metro ads up and running.
 - Medical offices database complete; plan to GIS map and deliver brochures.
 - Mail-out to 88 churches and faith-based organizations with info on supporting public health through prevention messages to congregants and emergency preparedness within the faith community. Planning checklist based on CDC guide developed and mailed.
 - Two proposals developed and waiting for funding approval before implementation: table-top exercise for Isolation and Quarantine procedures within the courts and N-95 face mask fitting and training for medical offices.
- **Central Shenandoah**
 - District, in collaboration with the Rockbridge County Local Emergency Planning Commission, successfully executed a non-conventional drive through dispensing site exercise in Lexington, VA. District and Carilion–Stonewall Jackson Hospital staff vaccinated 536 patients.
 - Planner continues to work with District partners on the PUSH Distribution MOU. Three are pending and 18 have been executed.
- **Central Virginia**
 - Lab Manager, Nursing Supervisor, Epidemiologist and Emergency Planner attended “Rapid Response Training: A Multi-Agency Response to Avian Influenza in the United States”.
 - Epidemiologist continues outreach to physicians with follow-up mailings of the District’s PanFlu Brochure.
 - Planner participated in the after-action and improvement plan development phase of the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP), which followed last month’s Regional Tabletop Exercise and Point of Dispensing (POD) Drill.
- **Chesapeake**
 - Planner reviewed Chesapeake’s Department of Human Services’ “Pandemic Influenza and Essential Operations and Continuity of Services Guide,” which will be used as a template for other city departments.
 - District Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers participated in the Chesapeake Public Schools’ Health & Wellness Fair presenting PanFlu and flu prevention information to their employees.
 - Developed a schedule to replenish and maintain the respiratory protection hygiene stations positioned around the city.
 - PanFlu Administrative Assistant met with PanFlu Health Educator from Portsmouth Health District to collaborate on possible community PanFlu educational outreach strategies that may be appropriate for the city of Chesapeake: e.g. influenza prevention lessons for schools, day care facilities, corporate settings and private businesses. Hand washing poster contest developed for public schools. Adding a “Pan Flu I.Q.” board to supplement current hygiene stations.
- **Chesterfield**
 - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator attended a PanFlu tabletop exercise sponsored by Business Recovery Association of Virginia (BRAV).

- Participated in a health/safety fair at a local elementary school providing PanFlu literature to parents and engaging children in a game on stopping the spread of germs.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Coordinator developed a District PanFlu Summit proposal for the Director to review. PanFlu Coordinator met with counterpart in Henrico to conduct some benchmarking.
- Participated in a Wellness Fair at county's Department of Social Services, providing PanFlu literature to employees.
- Planner, PanFlu Coordinator and Director made several presentations to civic and faith-based organizations, providing PanFlu literature and planning materials.
- Planner initiated dialogue with the parish nurse contact at a faith-based agency to solicit interest in dispensing and other assistance during PanFlu and other public health emergencies.
- Conducted a PanFlu tabletop exercise with the Colonial Heights PanFlu Advisory Committee.
- PanFlu Coordinator and Epidemiologist attended the Rapid Response Training sponsored by VDH – Multi-agency Response to Avian Influenza in the US.
- **Chickahominy**
 - PanFlu Coordinator met with New Kent County's School Superintendent and their PanFlu Coordinator to refine plan to include Pandemic Phases. Also discussed school closure during a pandemic, as well as creation of a pre-pandemic letter to parents. T-shirts with messages, "Wash Your Hands, Cover Your Cough, Stay Home When You Are Sick, It's Not If But When" given to school staff to wear. Seasonal flu posters also distributed.
 - PanFlu presentation given in conjunction with Three Rivers Health District's Planner to Head Start teachers and staff in the two districts and Caroline County.
 - Collaborated with Chesterfield Health Department's new PanFlu coordinator on PanFlu Activities.
 - PanFlu Coordinator participated in PanFlu Mass Vaccination Drill held in Charles City County.
 - Collaborated with Hanover County's Community Service Board Mental Retardation Group Home Residential Service Manager to present PanFlu and Hand Washing information to all group home residents and staff and distribute materials.
 - PanFlu presentation preparedness and planning information given to Hanover County Community Service Board's leadership team.
 - Collaborated with Bon Secours' Home Care and Infusion Division Quality Assurance Coordinator on PanFlu presentation for all nurses in division. Collaboration with instructor at Bon Secours' School of Nursing to give PanFlu presentation to nursing students.
 - Participated in Covenant Woods Assisted Living Facility's PanFlu planning meeting.
 - PanFlu information given out at three fairs in Goochland County and to all who received flu shots from Goochland Health Department.
 - PanFlu information given to elderly residents in facility in Hanover County, and through several retail outlets. PanFlu and seasonal flu information distributed at Cumberland Hospital. Charles City Schools' staff given T-shirts imprinted with PanFlu messages, and all staff wore to kick off seasonal flu campaign. Hand sanitizer gel being used regularly; teachers participating in teaching hand washing to students.
- **Crater**
 - District conducted an Exercise to test the District's and City of Petersburg's ability to respond to an event that would require the activation of a mass vaccination site.

- During the exercise, 479 doses of flu vaccine were distributed to the public. Representatives from District 19 Mental Health, Department of Social Services, Police, EMS, Petersburg Area Transit and the Red Cross participated in the event.
- Planner and Epidemiologist conducted a presentation on PanFlu and personal preparedness at the National Association of Retired Federal Employees monthly meeting.
 - Epidemiologist attended the Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training held in Richmond.
 - PanFlu and personal preparedness information was distributed to a neighborhood watch group in Hopewell.
 - **Cumberland Plateau**
 - Staff operated “Flu’s Clues”, a pilot for an annual in-school flu vaccine program for students and staff. Designed to provide an in-school influenza vaccination opportunity to any child regardless of vaccine type (shot/spray) or payment source (Medicaid/uninsured/insured) as both a sustainable annual positive public health intervention in itself and a means to engage schools in routine mass dispensing procedures to facilitate familiarity with the process and create and sustain the relationships needed to more effectively accomplish similar action in any emergency.
 - Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco Health Districts staged a joint exercise (FluEx07) using a PanFlu scenario, which concluded in seven simultaneous county health department-based Veteran’s Day Mass Vaccination clinics. Community emergency response partners and agencies, veterans and their spouses, the medically indigent, private employers, and volunteer adults from the general public were invited in phases as volunteer adult exercise participants and to receive free VDH-provided influenza vaccine. The diverse population included hundreds who had reserved doses and over 350 walk-ins from general public invitations. Over 1800 people were vaccinated in a condensed four-hour period averaging over 30 people per vaccination station per hour with waits that seldom exceeded 10 minutes. The exercise included a no notice event requiring each of the seven sites to send a vaccination team off-site to a simulated “stranded/special needs” population where an additional 150 volunteer recipients aged six through 79 were vaccinated at the various off-site locations.
 - PanFlu Coordinator presented several PanFlu programs to area civic groups.
 - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner continued work with the Buchanan County School System Safety Committee on incorporating a PanFlu plan into their safety plan.
 - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner wrote a joint press release with Buchanan County Schools’ Safety Director detailing the school system’s PanFlu planning efforts; a subsequent article was published in the county newspaper.
 - PanFlu Coordinator drafted a joint press release for both Cumberland Plateau and Lenowisco Health Districts for National Influenza Vaccine Awareness Week.
 - **Eastern Shore**
 - Glo-Germ Hand Washing Awareness Programs were presented to students at an elementary school and an assisted living facility.
 - Monthly MRC newsletter was distributed with current information on PanFlu and status of avian flu cases worldwide.
 - Educator attended the Virginia Public Safety Conference’s follow-up Citizen Corps Training Day at the Peninsula Health Center and attended classes in cultural sensitivity and psychological first aid, which are both beneficial to PanFlu planning.
 - Three free influenza mass vaccination clinics held.
 - **Fairfax**

- PanFlu preparedness presentations given to the following groups: Fairfax County Alumae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Jewish Community Center, Wakefield Senior Center, Pimmit Senior Center, a group of low-income, ethnically diverse women participating in a transitional housing program and to Mount Vernon Presbyterian church members.
- Conducted three N-95 Respirator Train-the-Trainer sessions in how to fit test.
- **Hampton**
 - Planner continues monthly meetings with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss Pandemic Flu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.
 - Planner met with current Fast Forward classes and will continue acting as a facilitator for future training sessions to the public.
 - Planners met with Sheriff's office and Health Director for City of Hampton Jails to assist with staff and inmates' PanFlu education. Inmates and staff were also given vaccinations.
- **Henrico**
 - District held a mass influenza vaccination exercise that focused on several objectives: targeting a subset community within the greater county area; operations during evening hours; public awareness for registration without the use of television or radio advertisement; accommodating a "hard-to-reach" population (i.e. language barriers, socioeconomic status, etc.); and a decrease planning time for the event that could be representative of the actual time frame to plan such a response during an actual event.
 - Director, Planner and Fellow all attended a planning meeting and tabletop exercise at Richmond International Airport (RIC) to discuss a large-scale exercise that would occur in 2008 and review aspects of local response to various potential emergency scenarios at the airport. District reviewed the airport's communicable conditions response plan with airport public safety staff, TSA representatives, County Police and Fire and the county Deputy Emergency Coordinator. Elements of the exercise may include issues related to PanFlu, isolation and quarantine, and an analysis of regulations in place to mitigate the threat of a plane carrying a passenger with a suspected or confirmed case of a communicable disease.
 - Director presented a talk on "Case Management of Suspect Avian Influenza Cases in Humans" to participants at the Avian Influenza Rapid Response Training in Richmond
 - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
 - Planner and Director continued to work with Henrico County officials and an architectural firm on the plans for a Henrico County contingency quarantine facility.
 - District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials, and other interested parties.
- **Lenowisco**
 - Staff operated "Flu's Clues", a pilot for an annual in-school flu vaccine program for students and staff designed to provide an in-school influenza vaccination opportunity to any child regardless of vaccine type (shot/spray) or payment source (Medicaid/uninsured/insured), as both a sustainable annual positive public health intervention in itself and a means to engage schools in routine mass dispensing procedures. The program facilitates familiarity with the process and creates and helps sustain the relationships needed to more effectively accomplish similar action in any emergency. Over 1400 students and teachers were vaccinated in the vaccination

- clinics conducted in all Wise County and Norton City public schools, which is 17 percent of the school's total population.
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 - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation to Mountain Empire Older Citizens.
 - PanFlu Coordinator made revisions to draft PanFlu annex to District Emergency Operations Plan.
 - **Lord Fairfax**
 - Planner presented a PanFlu update, emphasizing current plans, planning and exercises conducted with regard to pandemics within the Commonwealth and the District to senior nursing students at Shenandoah University.
 - Planner attended two PanFlu exercise planning meetings at Page Memorial Hospital.
 - Planner conducted and evaluated a simulated exercise of human infections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza patients at Page Memorial Hospital.
 - **Loudoun**
 - Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for the Sterling Silver Seniors for December 4 and three PanFlu presentations with the Cascades and Purcellville libraries throughout January-February.
 - Conducted a seminar for Shenandoah University senior nursing students and their instructor in Leesburg. The seminar concluded with an influenza-based scenario tabletop exercise for the students to assist in their disaster planning module.
 - Provided PanFlu presentations/overviews to: Hamilton Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints at a "fireside discussion" session; Leesburg Presbyterian Church; Leesburg Rotary Club; and, Loudoun County Public Schools nurses.
 - Set up week long PanFlu visual displays at the Purcellville library, Leesburg Senior Center and Ida Lee Recreation Center with PanFlu, seasonal flu and MRC handout materials.
 - Provided more PanFlu educational pamphlets to local grocery stores that have upcoming flu shot clinics.
 - Provided the VDH PanFlu video DVD to Leesburg, Purcellville, and Cascades public libraries for inclusion in their collections for checkout and home viewing.
 - Provided PanFlu materials and hand sanitizer to 600 runners at the annual "Freeze Your Gizzard 5K" run at Ida Lee Park, Leesburg.
 - Provided PanFlu and special needs handout materials for a Parents Liaison Group "new family" dinner night at Potomac Falls High School.
 - Provided PanFlu educational handout materials to Northern Virginia Community College for use in their Loudoun campus flu shot clinic.

- Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services published a District-developed article about seasonal flu and flu shots in this month's issue of their "Easy Rider" newsletter that went out to all commuter bus riders.
- November's issue of 'Check Notes', a human resources electronic flyer distributed to all Loudoun County employees, contained a seasonal influenza preparedness message and information regarding the location of flu shot clinics for county employees.
- Finalized agreement between District and Radford University to accept a volunteer college student intern for January 15 through April 25 to assist with PanFlu educational and outreach activities.
- Manned a tabletop PanFlu display at the Leesburg Wal-Mart store, handed out PanFlu, seasonal flu, and MRC information materials, and spoke with many special needs Spanish-speaking shoppers about PanFlu preparedness.
- **Mount Rogers**
 - MRC Coordinator attended Mini-Medical Workshop at National College of Business and Technology in Bristol, TN. Provided attendees with seasonal flu information and pandemic flu preparation information.
 - Planner and MRC Coordinator presented program on personal/family emergency preparedness and MRC volunteerism to the Grayson County Career and Technical Center Nursing Program students. Provided students with emergency preparedness information, PanFlu information and recruited 10 students for the MRC.
 - Director presented a comprehensive review of local and state PanFlu planning to area combined Rotary clubs.
- **New River**
 - Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist and Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups, and faith organizations. Planner spoke to four organizations and CERT training class about PanFlu and personal preparedness.
 - Planner continues spearheading efforts with local jurisdictions and partner agencies for addressing special needs population. A meeting is tentatively scheduled in January to review how some areas of the Commonwealth are registering these individuals.
 - Epidemiologist spoke with school children/teacher about PanFlu preparedness.
 - Planner and Epidemiologist tentatively scheduled to meet with Radford University administration for discussion on surge capacity and will present NIMS for executives.
- **Norfolk**
 - Health Promotions made presentations to four local Civic Leagues and a Senior Club on PanFlu preparedness and planning; PanFlu kits and DVDs were distributed to participants.
 - Director, Epidemiologist, Planner and Occupational and Environmental Health personnel participated in a discussion of infectious disease isolation/quarantine at the Norfolk International Airport's Committee for Emergency Preparedness (ACEP) meeting, in preparation for upcoming PanFlu tabletop exercise.
 - Exercise Flu Vaccine was distributed at a mass clinic to EMS personnel during the Hampton Roads annual EMS Symposium. Participants were processed with limited paperwork to increase flow rate; the data has been used for simulation of vaccination and/or antiviral distribution strategies related to PanFlu.
 - District hosted a learning/sharing day with laboratory representatives from the Chinese government through American Public Health Laboratories Association (APHL). Epidemiological discussions during lunch included Avian Influenza reviews and PanFlu preparations.

- Homecare DVDs have arrived and are being coordinated into the MRC training plan, as an outreach activity. The DVDs cover home health care techniques for family members who become ill from the flu. Continued training is provided to MRC volunteers on increasing surge capacity.
- **Peninsula**
 - Planner continues to provide daily PanFlu updates from CIDRAP to key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and to the emergency managers.
 - Navy Environmental & Preventive Medicine Unit 2 reports (approximately weekly) are provided to emergency managers, Acute Care facilities, Nursing Facilities and service organizations.
 - Planner provided a PanFlu briefing for community organizations and business to the local Kiwanis organization.
- **Piedmont**
 - Educators delivered preparedness materials and presentations to two local community groups (faith-based organization and a business).
 - Educator conducted presentations on Prevention of Spread of Germs to eight local schools, reaching over 1600 students. Also provided copies of Hand Washing and Cover Your Cough posters for classrooms and restrooms in local school systems and delivered PanFlu materials to all staff and teachers at schools.
 - Educator delivered PanFlu presentations to teacher's staff meeting in one school and to a local School Board meeting.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**
 - PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu presentations and brochures to the following: Mt. Cross Fire & Rescue, Chatham Rescue Squad, Dry Fork volunteer fire department, Mt. Herman Fire & Rescue, Climax Fire & Rescue and Boy Scout Troop 374.
 - PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu brochures and presentation on proper hand washing practices to Glenwood Magnet School kindergarten and first graders, using Glo-germ to emphasize why hand washing is important.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and PanFlu Educator conducted a District Mass Vaccination exercise. District employees and Pittsylvania County CERT volunteers participated in the exercise where 177 doses of influenza vaccine were distributed to help prepare for possible PanFlu vaccine dispensing operations. The CDC's CRA database was utilized to record POD vaccinations. PanFlu brochures were distributed to each of the POD patients.
- **Portsmouth**
 - The interactive, educational board on PanFlu and preparedness is being displayed in local libraries. It features 12 true-or-false questions and a checklist of necessities for emergency preparation. Informational brochures on PanFlu and hygiene are also displayed.
 - PanFlu brochure is now available.
 - PanFlu Educator presented four classes on hand washing and hygiene at local day care centers and private elementary schools, reaching an estimated 475 children and teachers. Each child received a bag of information on flu shots and incentives, including hand sanitizer and tissues.
 - Portsmouth and Chesapeake PanFlu Educators met to discuss education activities that have taken place in the past in both Districts and exchanged new ideas and plans for future collaborations.
 - An article was written on PanFlu that is scheduled for publication in the City of Portsmouth's newspaper in January.

- A letter was composed to be sent to all nursing homes and assisted living organizations in the District to offer PanFlu education and preparedness presentations.
- **Prince William**
 - Planner and Nurse Manager continued to review District's Respiratory Plan to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
 - Planner attended a Faith Community Briefing Planning Meeting. This meeting is to begin the planning for a briefing for the faith community in January.
- **Rappahannock**
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and Health Educator attended the PanFlu PIO Subcommittee meeting. Influenza materials and the development of message maps for a potential pandemic were discussed.
 - Planner, Epidemiologist and Health Educator attended Caroline County Public Schools Health Advisory Board Meeting. PanFlu Protocol/Plan development continued.
- **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
 - District staff gave out PanFlu and preparedness materials at one health fair and one community presentation during November.
 - District staff gave flu shots at businesses and senior centers and distributed PanFlu and preparedness materials with the shots.
 - Planner participated in PanFlu planning with the Germanna Community College Safety Committee.
 - District staff and RRMRC volunteers participated in a mass flu vaccination exercise. The event was well attended and received significant media coverage. PanFlu materials were passed out to all attendees.
 - Staff entered information on patients from the drive-through flu exercise into the CDCs CRA program.
 - Epidemiologist discussed PanFlu with the Fauquier County school health advisory committee.
 - District staff prepared for a mass flu vaccination exercise scheduled for December 3. This exercise is focused on a special needs population in the district.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
 - Educator presented on PanFlu and All-Hazards Planning at the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce networking breakfast attended by local businesspeople. Educator received requests for future presentations at local companies, which are currently being scheduled.
 - Educator ran the third in a series of flu awareness billboards, which are located at various locations in the District.
 - Educator delivered PanFlu educational materials for the employees of the Western Virginia Water Authority and is scheduled to make a PanFlu and hygiene presentation at a Lunch & Learn program in January.
- **Southside**
 - Conducted a mass flu vaccination exercise.
 - Participated in a health fair and conducted PanFlu infection control presentation at CrossRoads Church in Turbeville.
 - Presented PanFlu and Infection control information to the employees of the Brunswick Department of Social Services and a parenting group. Scheduled another for the staff and students of Boydton Elementary School and the PTO of Brunswick Middle School.

- Contacted two churches to participate as pilot churches in our “Mission Shut-In” for a flu pandemic. Completed the letter to mail to the churches.
- Received Pan Flu, Infection Control and home care booklets and preparing them for distribution to students in the District’s three counties.
- Designed a postcard for all the churches in the District to return to us to track PanFlu and Infection information distribution program.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
 - Distribution of PanFlu Educational Materials to Louisa County Kindergarten students and Spanish brochures to Greene, Albemarle and Charlottesville City schools’ English as a Second Language (ESL) students.
 - Epidemiologist provided training to Pan Flu educator and Spanish speaking physician to prepare them to conduct pan flu community presentations.
 - PanFlu presentation provided by Spanish-speaking physician to Hispanics through Albemarle County Adult ESL program.
 - Epidemiologist provided a presentation to Charlottesville Social Services employees on MRSA, PanFlu and local efforts in preparation emphasizing personal responsibility for all hazards.
 - Pan Flu Educator provided PanFlu information at local church health fair.
 - Planner provided District PanFlu activity update to Nelson County Interagency Council members.
- **Three Rivers**
 - Planner co-presented PanFlu presentation to Head Start Programs from King William, New Kent, Charles City and Caroline County in conjunction with Chickahominy Health District PanFlu Coordinator.
 - Planner conducted Introduction to PanFlu training session to MRC volunteers.
 - Public health literature, including PanFlu and Hand Washing brochures, were distributed at the Urbanna Oyster Festival, Northern Neck Community Health Fair and St. Theresa Church Health Fair by Planner, MRC Recruiter, Public Health Nurses and Health Educator.
 - Health Educator administered flu shots at the Gloucester-Mathews Free Clinic and at the Healing Eagle Clinic on the Mattaponi Indian Reservation in King William County.
 - Planner met with Emergency Managers from King William and King & Queen Counties to discuss possible drive-thru flu clinics and evaluate sites.
 - Planner attended “Rapid Response Training: Multi-Agency Response to Avian Influenza in the United States” conference in Richmond.
- **Virginia Beach**
 - Planner has received additional hygiene stations and has provided them to the remaining departments that did not receive them last year.
 - Currently drafting a letter for the Management Leadership Team to solicit support from them for the January tabletop exercise and to emphasize the importance of the need for Department Directors to attend in order to make so policy and procedure decisions.
 - Guidance provided to the sheriff’s department for planning for PanFlu in the correctional facilities.
 - Planner has a meeting with the Virginia Beach Public Schools to finalize the plan for the distribution of the good hygiene educational campaign.
- **West Piedmont**

- District conducted POD exercises at Ferrum College in Franklin County and at the Axton Life Saving Crew facility in Henry County; 300 doses of flu vaccine were administered and recorded in the CDC's CRA database as part of the "Pandemic Influenza Doses Administered Pilot Reporting Event."
- Planner attended the Franklin County PanFlu Planning Group meeting at Carilion Franklin Memorial Hospital. The group discussed the POD exercise at Ferrum College.
- Planner attended the Henry-Martinsville PanFlu Planning Group meeting. The POD exercise was discussed and school plans were reviewed.
- Planner attended the Patrick County PanFlu Planning Group meeting. Members were asked to create PanFlu Plans by January's meeting.
- Planner made a presentation to the Patrick County EMS Association at RJR Patrick County Hospital. EMS groups were asked to create response plan templates.
- **Western Tidewater**
 - Epidemiologist attended the Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee. Reports were given on current community outreach efforts and presentations given.
 - Epidemiologist gave a PanFlu lecture for the Suffolk Citizen's Academy.
 - Suffolk Free Clinic, in conjunction with District, began mass flu vaccination clinics using the VDH EP&R-funded flu vaccine for the CRA exercise.